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Naples, April 27.

ON the 21st Instant sailed for Sicily two of the King's Half Gallies to cruize against the Barbary Pirates. Several Gallies are fitting out with great Expedition to proceed to Sicily, to attend the Vice-Roy in the Tour which he proposes to make, in order to visit the Fortresses of that Kingdom. By the last Letters from Palermo we heard, that the Vice-Roy had confined the Prince of Comitino in the Castle, for having mortally wounded, by a Musket-Shot, a Lay Jesuit Fryar of that Convent. On the 25th their Majesties, attended by their respective Retinues and Guards, returned to this City from Caserta, where they had passed a Fortnight to hunt in that Forest: They went directly to Portici, where they propose to remain the greatest Part of the Summer. The same Day a Quarrel happened at the Village of Lusciano, between a Party of Horse and some of the Inhabitants, who raising a Tumult, great Mischief ensued on both Sides. The Court, on Notice thereof, has determined to send thither several Companies of Soldiers, to live at Discretion upon the Inhabitants.

Rome, May 1. A few Days ago the Cardinals Mellini and Rezzonico had an Audience of the Pope, in which the former presented the Ratification of the Articles for the Reconciliation of the Affair of Aquileja, requiring that a Bull should be issued out accordingly. The Pope summoned thereupon a Congregation to put the last Hand to it, and it is said that the Archbishoprick of Udine will be conferred always by the Nomination of the Senate of Venice. The Pope, on Notice that five Xebeck Pirates from Barbary greatly infest the Navigation of the Roman Coast, has ordered his Gallies to be fitted out with the utmost Expedition, to cruize against them. Last Week the Pope held a Congregation, to consult a proper Expedient to redress the new Law of Mortmain, which the Regency of Tuscany caused lately to be published, directly prejudicial to the Interest of the Clergy in general, for which the Pope has expres'd his Dissatisfaction. By the last Letters from Vienna, the Secretary of State received Notice of the Decease of Cardinal Rollonitz, Archbishop of that City, being the tenth Hat vacant in the College of Cardinals.

Florence, May 7. Last Week anchored at Leghorn from Lisbon and Portmahon, his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Sea Horse, commanded by Captain Barrington. On the 29th past a Party of Soldiers of the Lorrain Regiment of Foot Guards, deserted when on Duty at one of the Gates of this City. The Emperor's three Ships of War in the Road of Leghorn wait only for a fair Wind to sail for Porto Ferrajo, there to be disarmed and laid up. A Battalion of the Regiment of Guards is to set out To-morrow for Leghorn, to replace that which has been in Garrison there for a Year, and which is now on its March hither.

Kensington, May 16.

This Day his Majesty came from St. James's to reside here for the Summer.

Whitehall, May 14, 1751.

A Deposition having been made, at the Request of James Cope, Esq; his Majesty's Resident at Hamburgh, by Wirck Pietersen, Commander of a Ship called the St. Johannes, (which lately arrived there under Danish Colours) representing, that on the 16th of April last, being about six Leagues off the North Foreland, upon the Kentish Coast, he took up a Coffin, made in the English Manner, and having the following Inscription engraved upon a silver'd Plate, viz.

Mr.
Francis Humphry
Merrydith Died
March 25, 1751.
Aged 51.

That having carried the said Coffin, (being of Oak, cover'd with black Cloth, and having Eight silver'd Handles,) to Hamburgh, and open'd it there, a Coffin of Lead was found inclosed in it, which being also open'd, contained the Body of an elderly Man, embalmed, and dress'd in fine Linnen.

This publick Notice of the abovementioned Particulars is given, that any Person or Persons concern'd for the Remains of the said Mr. Francis Humphry Merrydith,

[Price Two-pence.]

Merrydith, may be enabled to ſend ſuch Directions, by Means of his Majeſty's Reſident at Hamburgh, as ſhall be thought proper upon this Occaſion; which ſhould be ſoon diſpatch'd, as Mr. Wirck Pieterſen, who now keeps the Body in a careful Manner, ſolder'd up in the ſame Coffin, on board the ſaid Ship, will ſoon proceed, from Hamburgh, upon another Voyage, though there is no Reaſon to apprehend that any decent Care will be omitted, Mr. Pieterſen having declared, that, if no Cognifance was taken of this Affair in England, he would be at the Expence of a proper Burial.

Whitehall, May 11, 1751.

IT having been repreſented to the King, That divers Robberies and Burglaries, (attended with ſeveral Circumſtances of extreme Cruelty and Barbarity to the Inhabitants of the Houſes ſo broken open and plundered) have, within ſome Time paſt, been committed in the County of Suffolk, by Perſons armed and diſguiſed, who, it is generally ſuppoſed, have, heretofore, rode, and been converſant, with Smuggling Armed Gangs, which have inſulted and infeſted that County: That the Reverend Mr. Robert Hall, of Lopham, near Briſſingham, was, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Thurſday the 23d of March 1749, in a Field, adjoining to his Houſe, attacked by ſeveral Perſons armed and diſguiſed, who robbed him of One Hundred Pounds, which he was then carrying Home, from a Neighbour, of whom he had received it; and that they dragged him to his own Houſe, where, upon breaking open ſeveral Buroes, and Cheſts of Drawers, they found Three Hundred Pounds more; which, with his Silver Watch, they alſo carried away:—That, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, on Tueſday the 9th of October 1750, ſeveral Perſons, armed and diſguiſed, broke into the Houſe of Mrs. Sarah Ventris, Widow of the late Reverend Mr. Ventris, at Earls Stonham, dragged her only Son out of his Bed, threaten'd to murder him, and ſet Fire to the Houſe, in Caſe ſhe did not, immediately, deliver what Money ſhe had therein; upon which, they took Fifty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin; ſix Thirty-ſix Shillings Pieces of Gold Coin, and ſome other looſe Money; three Silver Salts, four Silver Spoons, and one Silver Saucepan, marked T. S. V. being a great Part of the Subſtance which ſhe had left for the Support of herſelf and Family:—That on Friday the 19th of October 1750, the Houſe of Mr. Joſiah Stubben, at Offten, near Bramford, Yeoman, was robbed, about Seven o'Clock in the Evening, of between Twenty and Thirty Pounds in Gold and Silver Coin, one Silver Watch, and two Pair of Buckskin Breeches, &c. which were carried off by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed:—That on Saturday the 10th of November 1750, about Seven in the Evening, the Houſe of Mr. John Hemſtead, Yeoman, at Battisford, was forcibly enter'd by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed, who, being reſiſted, in their Attempt to plunder the Houſe, were immediately aſſiſted by ſeveral others, armed and diſguiſed, who ruſhed into the Houſe, and in Conjunction with the others, beat and abuſed the Family in a moſt inhuman and barbarous Manner; fractur'd the Skull of the Son of the ſaid Mr. John Hemſtead, leaving him without Signs of Life, and took out of the ſaid Houſe One Hundred Pounds of Gold and Silver Coin, &c.—That on Saturday the 22d of December 1750, the Houſe of Mr. Thomas Fulcher, Gent. of Breſingham, in or near Diſs, was broke open by ſeveral Men armed and diſguiſed, upon entering of which they declared to Mr. Fulcher their Intention of ſtriking off his Head with a Hatchet, which they ſhewed to him; and, in order thereto, blinded him, and laid his Head on a Block in the Kitchen; that then they broke open ſeveral Buroes, Boxes and Places in the ſaid Houſe, and did likewiſe conſiderable Damage to the Furniture of the ſaid Houſe; carried away One Hundred Pounds or more in Gold and Silver Coin, a great many Gold Rings, two Silver Watches, ſeveral Pieces of Old Gold Coin, and of old Silver Coin; three Silver Spoons, one Silver Tobacco Box, &c. and upon going out of the Houſe, dragged the ſaid Mr. Fulcher into the Back Yard, and hung him with a Girdle by the Neck, on the Branch of a Tree; and that upon one of the Gang's cutting the Girdle, he fell to the Ground, ſenſeleſs and ſtunned, in which Condition they left him: His Majeſty for the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in all, or any of the Facts abovementioned, is pleaſed hereby to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon to any of the ſaid Offenders, who ſhall, within three Months from the Date hereof, diſcover any two or more of his or their Accomplices therein, ſo that they may be apprehended and convicted of any of the ſeveral Offences above mentioned: And as a further Encouragement, that if any of the Perſons concerned in any or all of the Facts above-mentioned, or any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall apprehend and take any of the Offenders above-mentioned, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall receive from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, a Reward of One Hundred Pounds for each Perſon ſo taken, within one Month after Conviction, over and above any other Reward they may be entitled to by Law.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Tower of London, April 26, 1751.

The Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of his Majeſty's Ordnance give Notice, that they will ſell by publick Auction, on Tueſday the 21ſt of May next, ſundry Lotts of Parchment, Paper and Cotton Cartridges, Tann'd Hides, Handſcrews, Drums, Shovels, Spades, Leather Coats for Firemen, Woolpacks, Tents, Match, Tarr'd Rope, Breechings, Tacklefalls, and other old and unſerviceable Stores lying in the Tower, where they may be viewed till the Time of Sale; and printed Liſts of the Lotts will be delivered to ſuch Perſons as apply for the ſame. By Order of the Board,

Charles Buſh.

Admiralty-Office, May 3, 1751.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: Theſe are to give Notice, that Copies of the ſaid Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy at Chatham, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; as alſo with the Clerks of the Cheeque at Deptford, Woollwich, and Sheerneſs; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinſale; where all ſuch Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars

tars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Thomas Riley Blanckley, at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances came within the Rules of the Establishment, such Sums as the Funds of the said Charity shall produce for one Year ending the 31st of this Month, as soon as the Pay-books can be made up, and the Money shall be issued into the Paymaster's Hands for that Purpose; This is to give Notice, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, by the 31st of this Month, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

April 19, 1751.

General Post Office.

Whereas the Post-Boy bringing the Cirencester Mail to this Office, was Yesterday Morning, between Two and Three of the Clock, on Gerrard's Cross Common, between Wickham and Uxbridge, attacked and robbed by a single Highwayman, mounted on a Bay Mare, who carried off the said Mail, which contained the following Bags of Letters, viz.

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Exeter,	Birmingham,
Tiverton,	Wolverhampton,
Taunton,	Woodstock,
Wellington,	Bath,
Bridgewater,	Cirencester,
Wells,	Gloucester,
Oxford,	Thame,
Burford,	Wickham,
Witney,	Beconsfield,
Chipping-norton,	Gerrard's Cross,
Campden,	Abingdon, *and*
Evesham,	Farringdon.

The Person who committed this Robbery, was a tall lusty black Man, about Six Feet high, between Forty and Fifty Years of Age, marked with the Small Pox, and had on a blue Surtout or Horseman's Coat, and under it a dark coloured one, with white Metal Buttons, and wore a black or dark coloured Wig, and rode upon a large Brown Bay Horse or Mare, Fifteen Hands high, with a bald Face, and a dark black Mane, the Tail lately docked and nicked, the Wounds not healed.

This therefore is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person, who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the same Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and also have His Majesty's most gratious Pardon.*

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